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1           6. (Currently Amended)   ~~The telescoping golf club of claim 4,~~

2           A telescoping golf club, comprising:

3           a tubular proximal shaft segment;

4           a tubular intermediate shaft segment telescopically and  
5           slidingly fitting into said proximal shaft segment;

6           a distal shaft segment telescopically and slidingly fitting  
7           into said intermediate shaft segment and comprising a shaft distal  
8           end;

9           a club head fastened to said shaft distal end;

10          and shaft segment stop means preventing said intermediate  
11          shaft segment from sliding entirely out of said proximal shaft  
12          segment and preventing said distal shaft segment from sliding  
13          entirely out of said intermediate shaft segment;

14          wherein said proximal shaft segment and said intermediate  
15          shaft segment each have an interior surface and wherein said  
16          intermediate shaft segment and said distal shaft segment each have  
17          an exterior surface;

18          and wherein said shaft segment stop means comprises:

19          a first extension stop collar fastened to the interior surface  
20          of said proximal shaft segment, said first extension stop collar  
21          having an interior diameter sized such that said intermediate shaft  
22          segment fits slidingly inside said first extension stop collar and  
23          telescopingly within said proximal shaft segment;

24          a second extension stop collar fastened to the interior  
25          surface of said intermediate shaft segment, said second extension  
26          stop collar having an interior diameter sized such that said distal

1 shaft segment fits slidably inside said second extension stop  
2 collar and telescopically within said intermediate shaft segment;

3 a first retraction stop collar fastened to the interior  
4 surface of said proximal shaft segment;

5 a second retraction stop collar fastened to the interior  
6 surface of said intermediate shaft segment;

7 and a first dual abutment collar fastened to the exterior  
8 surface of said intermediate shaft segment and sized in exterior  
9 diameter such that said proximal shaft segment fits slidably  
10 around and over said second dual abutment collar;

11 a second dual abutment collar fastened to the exterior surface  
12 of said distal shaft segment and sized in exterior diameter such  
13 that said intermediate shaft segment fits slidably around and over  
14 said first dual abutment collar;

15 such that said first retraction stop collar abuts said first  
16 dual abutment collar and said second retraction stop collar  
17 simultaneously abuts said second dual abutment collar upon full  
18 telescopic retraction of said club shaft, and such that said first  
19 extension stop collar abuts said first dual abutment collar and  
20 said second extension stop collar simultaneously abuts said second  
21 dual abutment collar upon full telescopic extension of said club  
22 shaft;

wherein said first and second retraction stop collars each  
comprise a circumferential collar distal edge divided into a collar  
locking notch and a collar locking projection;

and wherein said first and second dual abutment collars each

comprise a circumferential collar proximal edge divided into a collar locking notch and a collar locking projection;

such that interlocking of collar locking notches and collar locking projections causes said retraction stop collars and said dual abutment collars to function to prevent axial rotation of the respective shaft segments to which they are attached.

7. (Currently Amended) The telescoping golf club of claim 6, wherein said first and second extension stop collars each comprise a circumferential collar ~~distal~~ proximal edge divided into a collar locking notch and a collar locking projection;

and wherein said first and second dual abutment collars each comprise a circumferential collar distal edge divided into a collar locking notch and a collar locking projection;

such that interlocking of collar locking notches and collar locking projections causes said extension stop collars and said dual abutment collars to function to prevent axial rotation of the respective shaft segments to which they are attached.

1           8. (Original) The telescoping golf club of claim 6, wherein  
2   said locking projections comprise projection outward ends and  
3   rounded projection centering corners at said projection outward  
4   ends, which are also the outward corners of adjacent said notches,  
5       such that as a projection is advanced toward an opposing notch  
6   and yet is laterally offset a certain distance from the notch, the  
7   rounded projection centering corners of opposing locking  
8   projections contact each other and cause the locking projections to  
9   advance progressively into, and slide laterally toward a position  
10   centered over the opposing notch and, when centered, the projection  
11   enters and slides fully into the notch.

12           9. (Original) The telescoping golf club of claim 6, wherein  
13   each said collar locking notch and each said collar locking  
14   projection constitutes substantially 180 degrees of the given  
15   circumferential collar distal edge.

1           10. (Currently Amended) The telescoping golf club of claim 1  
2   6, wherein said club head comprises a club head bore into which  
3   said club shaft proximal end is fitted and secured.

1            11. (Currently Amended) A telescoping shaft, comprising:  
2            a tubular proximal shaft segment;  
3            a tubular intermediate shaft segment telescopically and  
4            slidingly fitting into said proximal shaft segment;  
5            a distal shaft segment telescopically and slidingly fitting  
6            into said intermediate shaft segment and comprising a shaft distal  
7            end;  
8            and shaft segment stop means preventing said intermediate  
9            shaft segment from sliding entirely out of said proximal shaft  
10           segment and preventing said distal shaft segment from sliding  
11           entirely out of said intermediate shaft segment;  
12           wherein said proximal shaft segment and said intermediate  
13           shaft segment each have an interior surface and wherein said  
14           intermediate shaft segment and said distal shaft segment each have  
15           an exterior surface;  
16           and wherein said shaft segment stop means comprises:  
         a first extension stop collar fastened to the interior surface of  
         said proximal shaft segment, said first extension stop collar  
         having an interior diameter sized such that said intermediate shaft  
         segment fits slidingly inside said first extension stop collar and  
         telescopingly within said proximal shaft segment; a second  
         extension stop collar fastened to the interior surface of said  
         intermediate shaft segment, said second extension stop collar  
         having an interior diameter sized such that said distal shaft  
         segment fits slidingly inside said second extension stop collar and  
         telescopingly within said intermediate shaft segment; a first

retraction stop collar fastened to the interior surface of said proximal shaft segment; a second retraction stop collar fastened to the interior surface of said intermediate shaft segment; and a first dual abutment collar fastened to the exterior surface of said intermediate shaft segment and sized in exterior diameter such that said proximal shaft segment fits slidably around and over said second dual abutment collar; a second dual abutment collar fastened to the exterior surface of said distal shaft segment and sized in exterior diameter such that said intermediate shaft segment fits slidably around and over said first dual abutment collar; such that said first retraction stop collar abuts said first dual abutment collar and said second retraction stop collar simultaneously abuts said second dual abutment collar upon full telescopic retraction of said shaft, and such that said first extension stop collar abuts said first dual abutment collar and said second extension stop collar simultaneously abuts said second dual abutment collar upon full telescopic extension of said shaft;

wherein said first and second retraction stop collars and said first and second dual abutment collars comprise relative rotation stop means preventing relative axial rotation of the respective shaft segments to which they are attached.

1           12. (Currently Amended) The telescoping shaft of claim 11,  
2 wherein said first dual abutment collar is located adjacent to the  
3 proximal end of said intermediate shaft segment and wherein said  
4 second dual abutment collar is located adjacent to the proximal end  
5 of said distal shaft segment;

6           ~~and wherein said first extension stop collar is located~~  
7 ~~adjacent to the distal end of said intermediate shaft segment and~~  
8 ~~wherein said second extension stop collar is located adjacent to~~  
9 ~~the distal end of said distal shaft segment~~

10           and wherein said first extension stop collar is located  
11 adjacent to the distal end of said proximal shaft segment and  
12 wherein said second extension stop collar is located adjacent to  
13 the distal end of said intermediate shaft segment.

1           13. (Currently Amended) The telescoping shaft of claim 11,  
2 wherein said first and second retraction stop collars each  
3 comprise a circumferential collar distal edge, and wherein said  
4 relative rotation stop means comprises divisions of said  
5 circumferential collar distal edges into divided into a collar  
6 locking notch and a collar locking projection;

7           and wherein said first and second dual abutment collars each  
8 comprise a circumferential collar proximal edge divided into a  
9 collar locking notch and a collar locking projection;

10           such that interlocking of collar locking notches and collar  
11 locking projections causes said retraction stop collars and said  
12 dual abutment collars to function to prevent axial rotation of the



1     respective shaft segments to which they are attached.

2             14. (Currently Amended) The telescoping shaft of claim 13,  
3     wherein said first and second extension stop collars each comprise  
4     a circumferential collar ~~distal~~ proximal edge divided into a collar  
5     locking notch and a collar locking projection;

6             and wherein said first and second dual abutment collars each  
7     comprise a circumferential collar distal edge divided into a collar  
8     locking notch and a collar locking projection;

9             such that interlocking of collar locking notches and collar  
10    locking projections causes said extension stop collars and said  
11    dual abutment collars to function to prevent axial rotation of the  
12    respective shaft segments to which they are attached.

13            15. (Original) The telescoping shaft of claim 13, wherein said  
14    locking projections comprise projection outward ends and rounded  
15    projection centering corners at said projection outward ends, which  
16    are also the outward corners of adjacent said notches,

17            such that as a projection is advanced toward an opposing notch  
18    and yet is laterally offset a certain distance from the notch, the  
19    rounded projection centering corners of opposing locking  
20    projections contact each other and cause the locking projections to  
21    advance progressively into, and slide laterally toward a position  
22    centered over the opposing notch and, when centered, the projection  
23    enters and slides fully into the notch.

1           16. (Original) The telescoping shaft of claim 13, wherein each  
2       said collar locking notch and each said collar locking projection  
3       constitutes substantially 180 degrees of the given circumferential  
4       collar distal edge.

17. (New) A telescoping golf club, comprising:  
a tubular proximal shaft segment;  
a tubular intermediate shaft segment telescopically and  
slidingly fitting into said proximal shaft segment;  
a distal shaft segment telescopically and slidingly fitting  
into said intermediate shaft segment and comprising a shaft distal  
end;  
and shaft segment stop means preventing said intermediate  
shaft segment from sliding entirely out of said proximal shaft  
segment and preventing said distal shaft segment from sliding  
entirely out of said intermediate shaft segment;  
wherein said proximal shaft segment and said intermediate  
shaft segment each have an interior surface and wherein said  
intermediate shaft segment and said distal shaft segment each have  
an exterior surface;

and wherein said shaft segment stop means comprises:  
a first extension stop structure fastened to the interior surface  
of said proximal shaft segment, said first extension stop structure  
being sized such that said intermediate shaft segment fits  
slidingly adjacent said first extension stop structure and  
telescopingly within said proximal shaft segment; a second

extension stop structure fastened to the interior surface of said intermediate shaft segment, said second extension stop structure being sized such that said distal shaft segment fits slidably adjacent said second extension stop structure and telescopically within said intermediate shaft segment; a first retraction stop structure fastened to the interior surface of said proximal shaft segment; a second retraction stop structure fastened to the interior surface of said intermediate shaft segment; and a first dual abutment structure fastened to the exterior surface of said intermediate shaft segment and sized such that said proximal shaft segment fits slidably around and over said second dual abutment structure; a second dual abutment structure fastened to the exterior surface of said distal shaft segment and sized such that said intermediate shaft segment fits slidably around and over said first dual abutment structure; such that said first retraction stop structure abuts said first dual abutment structure and said second retraction stop structure simultaneously abuts said second dual abutment structure upon full telescopic retraction of said shaft, and such that said first extension stop structure abuts said first dual abutment structure and said second extension stop structure simultaneously abuts said second dual abutment structure upon full telescopic extension of said shaft;

wherein said first and second retraction stop structures and said first and second dual abutment structures comprise relative rotation stop means preventing relative axial rotation of the respective shaft segments to which they are attached.